

To help educate Lajes Airmen on different career fields, a team of CGOs and NCOs tour night ops around base weekly. See page 2.

First Look

Open house

Air Base No. 4 will hold an open house from 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Sunday in commemoration of the Portuguese Air Force's 53rd anniversary.

The open house's main events are as follows:

- First flights for children and adults who have never flown before (three flights in the morning and three in the afternoon);

- Static display inside the South Hangar displaying Air Base No. 4's activities;

- Vehicle rides in the Air Police's armored car starts at 1:30 p.m.

Tops in Blue

Tops in Blue visits Lajes July 9 and will perform at the military port in Praia with the following schedule:

- 5-7:45 p.m. - Food and drinks available;

- 8-9:30 p.m. - Tops in Blue performs;

- 9:30-10:30 p.m. - Food and drinks available

Water quality

The 2004 Drinking Water Quality Report is available on the Lajes Mission Public Folder, in the post office, or at Bioenvironmental Engineering.

This report contains information on the quality of the drinking water on Lajes Field.

For more information on the report, call Staff Sgt. Pamela Joe, 65th Civil Engineer Squadron, at 2-6206.

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Enlisted corps to honor COMUSAFE with Order of the Sword induction

By Master Sgt. Mona Ferrell
USAFE News Service

The U.S. Air Forces in Europe enlisted corps will bestow their highest honor on the USAFE commander Aug. 26 when they induct him into the command's Order of the Sword.

Gen. Robert H. "Doc" Foglesong accepted the invitation in the presence of USAFE's command chief master sergeants and first sergeants from the First Sergeants Academy during a formal presentation June 22 at the 11th Worldwide Command Chiefs Conference held at Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.

"This is such serious business," said General Foglesong, overwhelmed by the invitation. "I'm very honored and touched."

Chief Master Sgt. Gary G. Coleman, USAFE command chief master sergeant, who formally presented General Foglesong with the invitation on behalf of the enlisted corps, said the decision to honor the general was unanimous across the command.

"It's our way -- the best way -- of honoring General Foglesong for his total dedication, and passionate concern for USAFE enlisted men and women and their families," said Chief Coleman.

"Since taking the USAFE flag, General Foglesong has worked tirelessly supporting the enlisted force under his command," the chief said. "We can take any one of the 15 Combat and Special Interest Programs he's instituted within this command and see that they embody the development of the enlisted force. Strengthening the work and personal environments of members throughout USAFE, the general has not only made USAFE the best place to live and work, but he's created an environment for our Airmen to grow -- spiritually, mentally and physically."

A 33-year Air Force veteran who has commanded USAFE since August 2003, General Foglesong will become only the 16th recipient honored with the USAFE Order of the Sword when the enlisted corps formally induct him in August.

"This is not an award we present lightly; every



Gen. Robert H. "Doc" Foglesong, USAFE commander, center, receives his formal invitation for induction to the USAFE Order of the Sword June 22. (Photo by Carl Bergquist)

Airman in this command can take pride in this induction," Chief Coleman said. "We are honoring a great leader whose vision and focus has ensured we are ready to fight and postured to respond anywhere in the world, while providing superior services to you -- the world-class men and women of USAFE."

It's also not an award the general is taking lightly. "My dad was an NCO in the U.S. Navy and I fully realize what this induction means," said the general, who plans to send the induction announcement to his mother. "I couldn't be more humbled, and I know my mother will be proud."

The Order of the Sword is the highest honor the Air Force enlisted corps can bestow on an officer. The tradition dates back to medieval times, when noncommissioned officers presented their leaders with a sword as a symbolic gesture of loyalty. It is patterned after two orders of chivalry founded in Europe during the Middle Ages -- the Royal Order of the Sword and the Swedish Military Order of the Sword. Both orders still exist today.

For more information about the August ceremony, see your first sergeant or command chief master sergeant.

Independence Day: America's celebration of freedom

By Gen. Robert H.
"Doc" Foglesong
Commander, U.S. Air
Forces in Europe

For the past 229 years, Americans have commemorated the signing of the Declaration of Independence.

This document, signed by our great country's forefathers, conceived a new nation and put into writing the democratic freedoms and inalienable rights we so cherish today.

Since its conception, the principles of the Declaration of Independence -- Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness --

have been a bedrock of inspiration. Our belief in the vision it established unites us as Americans and as those in service to our nation.

From the Revolutionary War to Operations Iraqi and Enduring Freedom, Americans have sacrificed their sons and daughters for our coveted virtues of freedom, democracy and equality. Bringing their courage to the fight, many of these young men and women have paid the ultimate price for the liberties we enjoy today.

As we celebrate this 4th of July with family and friends, let us remember our brothers and

sisters in arms who are deployed on the battlefields of Iraq and Afghanistan ensuring our freedoms at home and around the world.

In addition, as you enjoy the traditional picnics and barbecues, also reflect on Old Glory and everything she represents.

Every day our flag flies high as a symbol of peace and freedom; as America's military we're tasked with preserving these cherished rights.

Thanks for all the great work you do for U.S. Air Forces in Europe, the United States of America and the world!

Being the eyes, ears of the commander

By 1st Lt. Aaron Wiley
Deputy Chief, public affairs

In an era when the Air Force is cutting back in overmanned career fields and allowing Airmen to cross-train into critically manned areas of operation, it's a good time to learn what different career fields actually do.

To help educate Lajes Airmen, each week a different junior noncommissioned officer is chosen to join a senior NCO and a company grade officer to tour night operations of work environments that interest them.

"I was happy to see a (junior) NCO added to the team," said Master Sgt. Randy Phillips, 65th Mission Support Squadron. "Some NCOs haven't had as much opportunity or exposure (to the Air Force as senior NCOs), so they gain a lot more information from these tours."

Staff Sgt. Bradford Johnson, 65th Security Forces Squadron, enjoyed listening to his peers and Airmen junior-in-grade demonstrate the day-to-day knowledge and skills required in their areas of expertise, he said.

"We went to the tower to see how the United States and Portuguese forces interact," Sergeant Johnson said. "Senior Airman (Christopher) Howard showed us how radar works and Staff Sgt. (Sherry) Summers explained how U.S. air traffic controllers work alongside their Portuguese counterparts to

keep aircraft safe. Both were very professional and courteous, and their level of knowledge was impressive."

And although Sergeant Phillips was on his second tour, he was impressed by his visit to the Armed Forces Network detachment's local broadcast studio and the staff there.

"(It was) extremely informative ... an eye opener into how much work the station puts into providing TV and radio broadcasts," he said. "It was definitely interesting to actually see the news desk we see on TV, and we enjoyed meeting some of the personalities we hear and see each day at work and home."

The team was also impressed by the hard work they witnessed by the Air National Guard members who are on temporary duty here installing new cable in ten buildings.

"They know they have a mission to accomplish and they were hard at it. We watched them overcome a unique obstacle - a three ceiling building. Instead of complaining how much more work they had to do, they just kept going," Sergeant Phillips said. "That's outstanding work from a TDY team; we all appreciate what they've done here."

A visit by the team also gives Airmen at different locations an informal avenue to the wing commander through which their voices can be heard.

"(The team acts as) the eyes and ears of the commander," said 1st Lt. Micah Bartron, 65th Air Base Wing executive officer. "The wing commander receives a briefing every Thursday from the team and they're able to pass on any concerns or ideas that are affecting Lajes Airmen."

Each weekly team comes back with unique feedback after tailoring their visits around base to different areas that interest them, Lieutenant Bartron said. It allows the trio to investigate work areas that they may have never had the opportunity to see, he added.

"While visiting these areas, they do (Wingman) spot inspections to make sure every Airman has a wingman card," he said, "strengthening the Wingman mentality at Lajes as they go."

Airmen who have their cards properly filled out get a wingman coupon that offers deals on bowling, use of the auto/hobby shops, or two-for-one hot wings at the club on Wingman Wednesdays.

The team also provides feedback on how the base looks-with suggestions on how to make it look better - and gains valuable experience briefing senior leadership in a formal setting.

The team is called Combat Nighthawk, the program is USAFE's, but the opportunity belongs to Team Lajes.



Fun time, learning time

[Left] Tech. Sgt. Sharon Washington, 729th Air Mobility Squadron, recreation leader at this year's chapel-sponsored Vacation Bible School, assists Cassie Firman with an egg rally Tuesday at VBS. [Above] Tori Scruggs, left, and Chabeli Brooks participate in one of the arts and crafts sessions. More than 110 children and 30 adult volunteers took part in this year's activities, which ended today. (Photo by Staff Sgt. Marcus McDonald)

Two USAFE bases receive top honors in 2005 Base Appearance Competition

By Master Sgt. Mona Ferrell
USAFE News Service

RAMSTEIN AIR BASE, Germany (USAFENS) – Taking pride in appearance has paid off for two U.S. Air Forces in Europe bases with the recent announcement that Ramstein Air Base, Germany, was chosen as the command's overall Base Appearance Competition winner in the large base category, and Royal Air Force Alconbury, England, took first place honors in the small base category.

Both bases also won top honors for their self-help programs.

Gen. Robert H. "Doc" Foglesong, USAFE commander, made the well-received announcement here June 24 during an impromptu commander's call with the key leadership from the 435th Air Base Wing, 86th Airlift Wing and 38th Combat Support Wing; and June 25 with leadership from the 423rd Air Base Group at RAF Alconbury.

"Twenty-two months ago, Chief Coleman and I were standing in this same spot introducing ourselves and sharing our vision for some of our Combat and Special Interest Programs, one of those being Combat Proud," said General Foglesong, during the presentation here. "We're standing here again today to let you know that the interior and exterior of the facilities here at Ramstein look better now than they have in over 10 years, and I blame each one of you for that."

During the RAF Alconbury presentation, the general lauded base members for their two-time win.

"I couldn't be more pleased that I'm able to present this award to the great people of RAF Alconbury again," said General Foglesong. "It's obvious that everyone here, starting with Airman Foglesong and going right up the ranks, has had a hand in base and facility improvements here — the resulting appearance of this base shows the true reflection of the great men and women who work here and the pride they take in

Results

Large-base winner: Ramstein Air Base, Germany

Large-base runner up: Royal Air Force Mildenhall, England

Small-base winner: RAF Alconbury, England

Small-base runner up: RAF Croughton, England

Large-base self-help program winner: Ramstein AB

Small-base self-help program winner: RAF Alconbury

their 'home,'" said the general.

Combat Proud, one of 15 CSIPs within USAFE, was established to foster pride and productivity through the improvement of the interior and exterior of facilities and bases throughout the command.

This is the second Base Appearance Competition since the inception of the Combat Proud program in August 2003, said Capt. Todd Rupright, USAFE Combat Proud program manager.

"The competition was conducted differently this year," Captain Rupright said. "Instead of a formal Combat Proud team going to each base during a set timeframe, providing a formal in-brief, and then evaluating the base and its facilities, this year's evaluations were conducted under no-notice conditions by COMUSAFE and two Headquarters USAFE staff members.

"This allowed the USAFE commander to see each base in its normal day-to-day state," said the captain. "In essence, the no-notice evaluation showed how each base is sustaining Combat Proud."

The evaluations entailed more than judging the general appearance of each base, said Captain Rupright.

"They also looked at how well Project Welcome Mat has been incorporated," he said, referring to the subset of Combat Proud that focuses on the appearance and

customer service aspect of the facilities new arrivals first encounter. "In addition the interior and exterior of the dormitories were looked at."

But, the true test came after the 'evaluators' left the bases, said the captain.

"Part of this year's evaluation was how the bases responded to the observations and areas noted as needing improvement," he said.

One thing's for sure, base leadership here and at RAF Alconbury couldn't be more proud.

"All we have to do is look around and it's apparent — military members living in the Kaiserslautern Military Community take great pride in base appearance and that pride has led to outstanding results," said Col. Robert Kane, 86th Airlift Wing and KMC commander here.

Col. Kurtis Lohide, 435th Air Base Wing commander, and Col. Richard Weathers, 38th Combat Support Wing commander, located at Sembach Air Base, Germany couldn't agree more.

"Combat Proud is a long-term program and its effects will be felt many years down the road," Colonel Lohide said.

"From the moment a newcomer sets foot on base, it's apparent that we take pride in our people and facilities," Colonel Weathers echoed. "We couldn't be more proud of our KMC team."

Lt. Col. Jack L. Jones, 423rd Air Base Group commander, is equally proud.

"Winning a base competition once is quite an achievement," said Colonel Jones. "Being recognized in consecutive years is a phenomenal accomplishment, and a testament to our mission focus and dogged commitment to excellence. It's nice to know our headquarters recognizes the hard work we've put into Alconbury and the entire tri-base."

Under guidance provided by General Foglesong, funds received from placing first in the competition, will be used to support readiness, quality of life and services.

Focus notes

Free childcare

Hearts Apart Childcare is a base program designed to support spouses of those deployed or on temporary duty by providing a few hours of childcare a month.

A limited number of slots are available on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 2 pm to 5 pm, for free.

Age groups to be accommodated are as follows: infants (6 weeks-17 months); toddlers (18 months-35 months); and preschoolers (3-5 years).

This program can't provide care on a regular basis, but the goal is to provide

each family an opportunity for scheduled care approximately every three weeks. Availability might be more or less depending upon the number of children needing care. The child development center staff will work with all parents to maximize opportunities to use this program.

Families eligible for the "Support to Deployed Spouses" program are those with a military member deployed or on temporary duty for more than 30 days.

To use the program, take these steps:

■ Step 1: Call or visit the family support center to receive a Hearts Apart childcare certificate.

■ Step 2: Visit the CDC to turn in the Hearts Apart certificate; show proof of current immunizations for the child; and fill out Air Force Form 1181 as well as sign an

hourly contract package.

■ Step 3: Call the CDC at 2-3188 the last week of each month to schedule a timeslot for the following month.

Combat Touch

All Combat Touch events take place at the base chapel unless otherwise noted.

■ A canned food drive takes place beginning at 10:30 Sunday.

■ A Catholic Men of the Chapel Mass and dinner is at 6 p.m. July 13.

■ The New Creation Café is open at 7 p.m. July 15 at Eddie's Place.

■ Men's Spiritual Leadership Training/Breakfast is at 7 p.m. July 15 at Eddie's Place.



Consider library before tossing usable items away

By Staff Sgt. Marcus McDonald
Crossroads editor

People transitioning into or out of Lajes Field this summer have at least one place to donate unwanted books, videos, etc. – the base library.

"Most people probably don't realize that the majority of the library's VHS collection was donated, and we continue to add to it from donations we receive, primarily from people getting ready to PCS," said Barbara Biljan, reference librarian.

During the last few weeks, the library has received dozens of bags and boxes filled with books, music CDs, videos and DVDs.

"In the upcoming months, we'll weed through these items and decide which ones to add to our collection," Ms. Biljan said. "In the meantime, we'll continue to gladly accept donations."

People choosing to donate items to the library should keep a few things in mind.

"We'll accept any donation," Ms. Biljan said. "However, we reserve the right to determine what will be added to the current collection, and what will be placed on the 'swap' or free shelves."

People can grab items off of the swap shelves, which are filled with paperbacks, used textbooks, catalogs and magazines.

The library doesn't accept items with mold.

"If it's green and furry, and smells like grandma's basement, we'd rather not have it," Ms. Biljan said. "Mold spores like to multiply, so please don't donate anything that has mold on it. Moldy books, especially, are nearly impossible to clean. The best thing to do is to just toss them in the trash."



Librarian aid Ana Maria Fernandes looks over books donated by Leanna Kirkland. Books donated by Team Lajes members are either put into circulation or placed on swap and free shelves in the base library. (Photo by Tech. Sgt. Renee Kirkland)

Items should also be in good condition and in working order, Ms. Biljan said.

"If you're getting rid of that book your dog chewed ... well, we don't really want it either," she said. "And if that CD or video doesn't work for you, it probably won't work for anyone else."

The reference librarian asked people to give their donated items to a member of the library staff instead of placing them in the book return. "We want to be able to say 'thank you' and show our appreciation," Ms. Biljan said. "Chances are, what you donate today will be used by someone tomorrow."

Fireworks main attraction for Monday's Freedom Fest

By Tech. Sgt.
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NCOIC, public affairs

Freedom Fest 2005 kicks off Monday as Team Lajes celebrates the 4th of July holiday with events taking place at the 65th Security Forces Squadron fields.

Transportation to and from the location will be available via base shuttle service. The event will include food, games, music and fireworks.

The Jenny Boyle Band will provide live music during the celebration, courtesy of the Armed Forces Entertainment Tour. The band recently performed in Puerto Rico and Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

Eating and having a good time are high on the list for event organizers, but safety is a concern for everyone participating in activities on the 4th and

throughout the remainder of the 101 Days of Summer, which continues through Labor Day.

"We need every member of the USAFE team to think twice about risks associated with their actions," said Col. Walter Scales, U.S. Forces in Europe chief of safety.

"Participate in risk management both on and off duty," Colonel Scales said. "Supervisors, take an active interest in your Airmen's holiday plans and personally verify they have considered risk management."

Fireworks require their own set of safety rules. Personally purchased fireworks are prohibited on the island according to Jose Raposo, 65th Air Base Wing safety office.

"People must have a license to purchase and set-off fireworks on the island," Mr. Raposo said. "Additionally, private use of fireworks is prohib-

ited both on and off base."

Air Force Manual 91-201, *Explosives Safety Standards*, prohibits military members from participating in the set-up and teardown of fireworks displays in an on- or off-duty capacity. If at the conclusion of the display, projectiles are found, people should contact the 65th SFS.

Freedom Fest 2005 was almost without a fireworks display due to the lack of money available to fund the display contract.

To raise the funds, Team Lajes members came together and held two fund-raisers in an attempt to gather enough money to pay for the display.

A pie-in-the-face contest took place on June 23 and raised more than \$1,000, according to event coordinators.

A base-wide bowling tournament June 24 raised more than \$850.

The Company Grade Officer

Council donated \$1,000 and other base organizations donated a combined \$1,100.

Special thanks go out to Capt. Marsha Hasberger, 65th Logistics Readiness Squadron, Senior Master Sgt. Thomas Stevens, 65th Civil Engineer Squadron, Tech. Sgt. Fawne Candy, 65th Medical Operations Squadron, Tech. Sgt. Mickie Urquhart, 65th Air Base Wing and Staff Sgt. Tabitha Bennet, 65th Communications Squadron, for making the Lajes fireworks display possible.

Event schedule

4:45 p.m. – Shuttle bus service begins from the commissary parking lot to the event site.

5 p.m. – Events begin, such as private organization booths, games, food and AFN music.

9 p.m. – Jenny Boyle Band performs

10:30 p.m. – Fireworks display

President thanks troops

By John D. Banusiewicz
American Forces Press Service

President George W. Bush expressed his gratitude Tuesday night to the nation's military members and their families, and urged the American people to take time on Independence Day to make their own gesture of thanks.

President Bush spoke at Fort Bragg, N.C., in a nationally televised address.

"To the soldiers in this hall and our servicemen and women across the globe, I thank you for your courage under fire and your service to our nation," he said. "I thank our military families; the burden of war falls especially hard on you. In this war we have lost good men and women who left our shores to defend freedom and did not live to make the journey home.

"I've met with families grieving the loss of loved ones who were taken from us too soon," he continued. "I've been inspired by their strength in the face of such great loss. We pray for the families. And the best way to honor the lives that have been given in this struggle is to complete the mission."

The president also expressed gratitude to military people who signed on to continue their service.

"I thank those of you who have re-enlisted in an hour when your country needs you," he said. "And to those watching tonight who are considering a military career, there is no higher calling than service in our armed forces. We live in freedom because every generation has produced patriots willing to serve a cause greater than themselves."

President Bush said servicemembers should know the nation is behind them and that Independence Day provides a chance for the American people "to make sure that support is felt by every Soldier, Sailor, Airman, Coast Guardsman and Marine at every outpost across the world."

"This Fourth of July," the president said, "I ask you to find a way to thank the men and women defending our freedom by flying the flag, sending a letter to our troops in the field, or helping the military family down the street."

He said the Defense Department's "America Supports You" Web site is a good way to learn about efforts to support the nation's men and women in uniform.

"You can go there to learn about private efforts in your own community," the president said. "At this time when we celebrate our freedom, let us stand with the men and women who defend us all."

Those fighting the war on terror have earned their place in history and the nation's gratitude, President Bush said.

"Those who serve today are taking their rightful place among the greatest generations that have worn our nation's uniform," he said. "When the history of this period is written, the liberation of Afghanistan and the liberation of Iraq will be remembered as great turning points in the story of freedom."



In memory...

Segundo-Cabo Ricardo Vale, Portuguese Air Force Air Police, left, and Senior Airman Mark Braden II, 65th Security Forces Squadron, lower the flags to half-staff in front of the 65th Air Base Wing headquarters building Wednesday. The flags were at half-staff across the command in memory of Gen. Billy M. Minter, Commander in Chief of U.S. Air Forces in Europe and Commander of Allied Air Forces Central Europe at Ramstein Air Base Ge. from 1982-1984. General Minter died June 6. (Photo by Capt. Yvonne Levardi)

Restrictions on Thrift Savings Plan contributions now lifted

The restrictions of having only two open seasons each year for civilian and military members to sign up for, stop, resume or change their Thrift Savings Plan contributions has ended.

Public Law 108-469 goes into effect today, eliminating restrictions on contribution elections that have always been tied to TSP open seasons, Air Force Personnel Center officials said.

The elimination of open seasons affects civilian and military members who

are eligible to contribute to TSP in the following ways:

- Gives people more flexibility in managing their TSP contribution amounts depending on their personal situations.

- Civilians can now make 26 or 27 TSP contribution elections per year (based on pay periods) and servicemembers 24 per year.

- Contribution elections submitted on or after July 1 will be effective at the beginning of the pay period following the one in which the election is submitted.

What hasn't changed is the contribution limits set for 2005," said Janet Thomas of Air Force Personnel Center's civilian benefits and entitlement service team here.

Employees may continue to contribute to TSP based on the system they are currently under for 2005 — Civil Service Retirement System, 10 percent; Federal Employees' Retirement System, 15 percent; or the military pay system, 10 percent.

For details on TSP, visit www.tsp.gov. (Courtesy of AFPC News Service)



Sanjoaninas festivities

[Clockwise from left] A fireworks display, parade and bullfighting highlighted last weekend's Sanjoaninas Festival in Angra. The next big Portuguese festival, Praia Fest, is scheduled to kick off Aug. 5. Look in future issues of the Crossroads for updated information. (Photos by Master Sgt. Michael Featherston)

United Nations celebrates 60th anniversary

**By Jim Garamone
American Forces Press Service**

An organization born in war, but dedicated to peace celebrated its 60th anniversary Tuesday.

June 28 marks 60 years since representatives from 50 nations signed the United Nations Charter in a ceremony in San Francisco.

The organization grew out of the chaos of World War II.

President Harry S. Truman, who had been in office only since April 12, 1945, when Franklin D. Roosevelt died, called the charter "a solid structure upon which we can build a better world. History will honor you for it. Between the victory in Europe and the final victory, in this most destructive of all wars, you have won a victory against war itself."

The war in Europe had ended the month before and fighting continued in the Pacific. The war had claimed the lives of 60 million people. Ahead in 1945 lay the atomic bombings of the Japanese cities of Hiroshima and Nagasaki and the end of the war.

The United Nations was an attempt by the nations allied against the Axis powers to create an organization that could settle disputes without relying on war.

Countries also saw the organization as a way that the world could act in concert against regimes that disturbed the peace.

The U.N., now headquartered in New York, has done that and more. The organization is at the lead of efforts to eradicate hunger and disease. It is working to house refugees and to combat climate change.

And it has had successes in combating aggression. In 1947, U.N. peacekeepers first deployed going into Cyprus to separate warring factions.

U.N. officials helped broker a ceasefire in the first Arab-Israeli War, and the world body stopped aggression in 1950 when troops from the United States first went into South Korea to stop the North Korea attack. Ultimately more than 20 nations sent troops to aid South Korea.

In the years since, the United Nations has sent peacekeepers to numerous parts of the world. From Africa to Asia and South America, the "blue hats" of the United Na-

tion have helped shape the world.

There have been problems. Secretary-General Kofi Annan said the organization failed to prevent genocide in Rwanda, and charges of excesses by U.N. troops in other regions of Africa tarnish the organization's reputation.

The United States has called for U.N. reform, and U.N. officials have developed a plan to overhaul agencies now drowning in bureaucracy.

Charges of corruption in the oil-for-food program in Iraq dog the organization.

But overall the United Nations has remained true to its charter.

"With this charter the world can begin to look forward to the time when all worthy human beings may be permitted to live decently as free people," Truman said at the signing.

"If we fail to use it, we shall betray all those who have died so that we might meet here in freedom and safety to create it," he said. If we seek to use it selfishly - for the advantage of any one nation or any small group of nations - we shall be equally guilty of that betrayal."



COMMENTARY

E-mail use: Some do's, don'ts

By Col. Danny Leonard
65th Air Base Wing
vice commander

Historians will tell you there are many reasons for the decline and eventual fall of the great Roman Empire. The power of Rome was truly awe-inspiring as she controlled much of Europe, the Mediterranean and North Africa.

However, that span of control worked against Rome along with urban decay, unemployment and many other "modern" problems to spell her decline. Or at least that is what we have thought until now. It's a little known fact that the Romans discovered e-mail at the peak of their creativity and within a decade all processes grinded to a halt as the emperor and his staff couldn't respond to 10 thousand e-mails a day.

I will admit this "revisionist" history isn't true, however if the Romans had discovered the computer, it certainly seems plausible given our reliance on e-mail today.

My point is we have forgotten how to communicate and too often default to e-mail as the primary means of communication. And when we do use e-mail, we do not use it smartly.

First and foremost, people communicate in person. In today's e-mail world, people are so surprised you would take the

time to walk to their desk and personally talk to them that they will often stop what they are doing and immediately help you. There is no waiting in an e-mail queue for them to see your message. You get immediate results and feedback that your message was received and understood. Direct, personal communication is always the best solution when feasible.

Second, try to communicate over the phone or via a video or audio teleconference. We cannot afford to travel to other bases or even across our own base when we are busy. A smart use of e-mail is to send charts or a preliminary message in advance of a phone call to simplify the discussion. However, we have all seen the results when someone tries to solve a complex problem over e-mail alone. It doesn't work and wastes everyone's time. When you cannot communicate in person, use the telephone or a telephone and e-mail combination to get your message across.

Here are some other smart ways to use e-mail. Mark your e-mail's priority as high or low when appropriate and make sure the subject line is descriptive enough to give the recipient an idea what the e-mail is about. You can change the subject line even if you are forwarding someone else's e-mail. Get to the point quickly and concisely in an e-mail. Long e-mails are simply not read by most of us. Delete

extraneous messages from e-mail chains so the recipient has the essential information without reading all the "forwarded" messages. When the problem is complex, summarize the issue in your opening lines.

There is a chain of command, even in e-mail. Is your message important enough to knock on your commander's door and interrupt him/her in person? If you would feel awkward doing this, then you probably should send the e-mail to an intermediate supervisor or secretary instead of direct to the commander.

Clearly state what you expect from the recipient. The "To" line is significantly different than the "CC" line. Recipients on the "To" line are expected to be next to respond. Recipients on the "CC" line may also choose to take action, but they generally wait for a response from the "To" addressees. Put some thought into the chain of command when deciding where to place a recipient and coordinate so you do not surprise a CC'd co-worker when the boss gets the e-mail.

The current version of The Tongue and Quill (AFH 33-337) discusses e-mail under the heading of "Workplace Challenges." Have you read The Tongue and Quill lately? Remember, no one is doing the work of the Air Force if we are all sitting at our computers doing e-mail. Use your e-mail smartly and keep control of your most valuable resource—time.

Commander's Line

e-mail: ccline@lajes.af.mil

call: 2-4240

The Commander's Line is your direct link to me for suggestions, kudos and as a way to work problems or issues within the 65th Air Base Wing for which you can't find another solution.

Your chain of command should always be your first option for praise or problems - but when that's not the answer, call or e-mail the CC Line.

Thank you!

Col. Robert Winston
65th Air Base Wing commander



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Explore Terceira's caves this summer



Terceira Island has four caves that can be visited and explored by enthusiasts of Mother Nature, especially during the summer months.

The two most visited caves are Algar do Carvão, the second largest cave, located close to Cabrito area and the Christmas Cave located near Lagoa do Negro (Black's Lake) in the center of the island.

The other two caves are Balcões, the largest one, located near the village of Biscoitos and Agulhas in the village of Porto Judeu.

Algar do Carvão is actually an extinct volcano chimney not totally filled with lava in the form of a cone, which is what remains of a 2000-year-old volcanic eruption. The name means "coal pit" and was given because the cave

Now through Sept. 30, the Algar do Carvão, above and right, opens daily from 2:45 - 5:45 p.m. Admission to this cave, the second largest on the island, is 3.00 Euros. (Courtesy photos)

walls are formed from dark black lava.

A tunnel and stairs offer access to the cave. At its end there's a small subterranean lake formed by rainwater. Depending on the season and the amount of rainwater, the lake can be up to 50 feet deep. The whole cave is spa-

cious and contains magnificent stalactites and stalagmites.

The cave and surrounding area were declared a natural monument after the initiative of the local spelunking group Os Montanheiros.

The Christmas Cave, although less known, is also worth

a visit. It was named Christmas because it held a live nativity scene and a Christmas cantata shortly after it was discovered.

Both caves are maintained by Os Montanheiros. They recently underwent renovation works aiming at improving access to the visitors, including a reinforced electric lighting system and background music system.

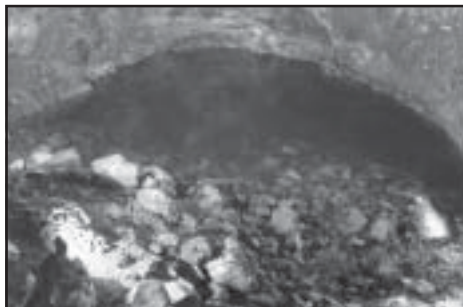
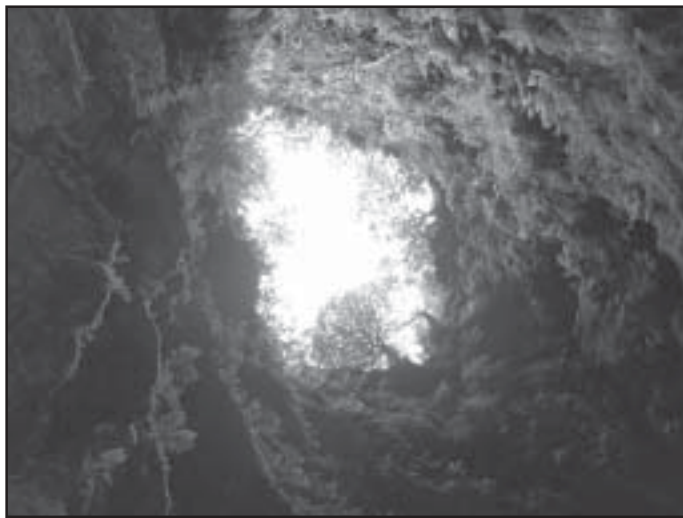
In addition to the caves, Os Montanheiros also maintain a volcanology museum at their office located at # 6, Rua da Rocha in Angra. Here visitors can see an exhibit of Azorean geological samples. The museum is open to the public Monday-Friday from 9 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. However, I recommend that visitors call 295 212 992 to make sure it is open.

Os Montanheiros also organize special visits between Oct. 1 and May 31 for groups with more than 10 people. Interested parties should call the spelunking group.

The Algar do Carvão and the Christmas caves will be open daily from 2:45 - 5:45 p.m. through Sept. 30.

Admission for Algar do Carvão and the Christmas Cave is 3.00 and 2.00 Euros respectively.

The Balcões and Agulhas caves are unattended and not lighted, so be careful going inside because of the slippery floors. Flashlights and appropriate clothing will also be needed for exploration of these two caves.



Everyday Hero

Staff Sgt. Lyle B. Riley
65th Logistics Readiness
Squadron

Duty title: Vehicle maintenance technician

Job description: Maintain vehicle fleet

Time in the Air Force: 8 years 4 months

Spouse/children: Wife, Staff Sgt. Sharla Riley, daughter, Kori

What's the best aspect of your job? Solving complicated problems and the challenge of learning new things

What are your career goals? Become a Chief Master Sergeant

Best military experience: Being as-

signed to a combat communications squadron in Korea

Life goal: Enjoy every single day to the fullest extent

Hometown: Wichita Falls, Texas

One word to describe you: Helpful

Hobbies: Sports, outdoor stuff, landscaping

Favorite food(s): Mexican food and chicken fried steak

Favorite color: Blue

Pet peeve: Liars and backstabbers

No one knows: How fast I can run!

When I was growing up, I wanted to be: A professional baseball or football player

The first thing I would do if I won \$1,000,000 is: Buy my wife a Jaguar, and invest the rest





Annual check-up

Staff Sgt. Jennifer Furr, 65th Medical Operations Squadron, measures the height of student Maddisen Daly during annual physicals at the Lajes medical clinic on June 22. Maddisen was just one of 88 children to receive a physical exam. (Photo by Airman 1st Class Josie Kemp)

DoD committed to veterans' health care

by Terri Lukach
American Forces Press Service

The Defense Department will work with the Veterans Affairs Department to help cover a shortfall in VA funds because of increased dental benefits claimed by returning veterans of the war on terrorism, a top DoD health official told Congress Tuesday.

"The Department of Defense is firmly committed to protecting the health of its servicemembers -- before, during and after deployment -- and all our other health beneficiaries," Dr. Stephen Jones said in testimony before the House subcommittee on military quality of life, veterans affairs and related agencies. Dr. Jones is principal deputy assistant sec-

retary of defense for health affairs.

"DoD attempts to demobilize our reservists as soon as possible so that they can return to their families and civilian life," he said, "after ensuring that all health issues they face have been adequately addressed."

However, because health-care benefits entitle veterans either to space-available care in military dental treatment facilities or voluntary enrollment in the Tricare dental program, some reservists have made increasing use of their VA benefit entitlement, Dr. Jones said.

Dr. Jones said DOD officials are investigating various transfer mechanisms between the two departments to help the VA defray the remaining increase in dental care.

Standings

Summer Basketball

Team	W	L	T
CES	3	2	0
SMAC	2	0	0
COMM	1	2	0
AMS	0	2	0
LRS	0	2	0

Intramural Softball

Team	W	L	T
LRS	11	1	0
CES #1	11	1	0
COMM	9	4	0
SFS	7	5	0
AMS	7	6	0
SMAC	4	8	0
OSS	4	9	0
CES #2	2	9	0
Med Gp	0	12	0

Co-ed Softball

Team	W	L	T
LRS	5	1	0
CES	4	0	0
Med Gp	1	4	0
Ladies/Varsity	0	5	0

Ladies' Softball

Team	W	L	T
CES/SFS	7	2	0
COMM	5	3	0
Med Gp/AMS	1	8	0

Intramural Golf

Team	W	L	T
COMM #1	5	0	0
OSS	3	0	1
CES	3	2	0
LRS	2	2	0
AMS	2	3	0
SMAC	1	1	2
Med Gp	0	4	0
COMM #2	0	4	1

Intramural Soccer

Team	W	L	T
CES	4	1	0
OSS/SMAC	3	1	1
LRS	3	2	1
AMS	0	6	0

Note: For more Lajes sports information, visit <https://info.lajes.af.mil/Links.htm> and click on sports page.

Sports briefs

No tap tourney

A 9-pin, no-tap tournament takes place at 7 p.m. Saturday at the Hillside Lanes Bowling Center. Sign ups start at 6 p.m., entry fee is \$15.

For more information, call Senior Master Sgt. Todd Katz at 2-5217.

Game Schedules

Intramural Softball

Wednesday

6 p.m. - AMS vs. CES #2
6 p.m. - SMAC vs. Med Gp
7:10 p.m. - OSS vs. COMM
7:10 p.m. - CES #1 vs. LRS
8:20 p.m. - SFS vs. LRS

July 11

6 p.m. - AMS vs. Med Gp
6 p.m. - OSS vs. LRS
7:10 p.m. - SMACK vs. SFS
7:10 p.m. - CES #2 vs. COMM
8:20 p.m. - CES #1 vs. SMAC

July 13

6 p.m. - SMAC vs. CES #2
6 p.m. - CES #1 vs. COMM
7:10 p.m. - OSS vs. AMS
7:10 p.m. - SFS vs. Med Gp
8:20 p.m. - LRS vs. AMS

Co-ed Softball

Thursday

6 p.m. - Med Gp vs. LRS
7:10 p.m. - Ladies/varsity vs. CES

Ladies' Softball

July 12

6 p.m. - CES/SFS vs. Med Gp/AMS
7:10 p.m. - COMM vs. CES/SFS
8:20 p.m. - COMM vs. Med Gp/AMS

Intramural Golf

Thursday

3 p.m. - COMM #1 vs. SMAC
3:15 p.m. - AMS vs. OSS
3:15 p.m. - COMM #2 vs. Med Gp

Intramural Soccer

Thursday

6 p.m. - LRS vs. OSS/SMAC
7:30 p.m. - AMS vs. CES

July 14

6 p.m. - AMS vs. LRS
7:30 p.m. - CES vs. OSS/SMAC

July 21

6 p.m. - OSS/SMAC vs. CES

Note: Schedules subject to change.



Just a scrimmage

[From left] Junior Pierre-Louis, 65th Services Squadron, Robert Sammelli, 729th Air Mobility Squadron, Nuno Silva, 65th OSS, and Kyle Defeo, 65th Security Forces Squadron, compete in a scrimmage game of soccer June 23. (Photo by Master Sgt. Michael Featherston)

AF teams compete in pit-stop challenge

**By Senior Airman
Madelyn Waychoff
Air Force Recruiting
Service Public Affairs**

Millions of NASCAR fans each year watch as professional pit-stop crews speedily change out tires and refill gas, but eight Air Force teams got to experience this rush for themselves.

The Air Force's car, No. 21, visited Randolph Air Force Base, Texas, June 23 to conduct a pit-stop demonstration and competition.

The Air Force is an associate advertiser in the Nextel Cup Series with the Wood Brothers' No. 21 Motorcraft Racing Ford Taurus, driven by Ricky Rudd.

More than 400 Airmen watched as teams were first shown a "slow" demonstration by the car's official pit-stop crew, and then were provided training to perform the pit stop themselves.

Each team took its turn to see how quickly it could change the two right-side tires and simulate filling the gas tank. The competition's winning team was chosen based on fewest errors and fastest qualification, competition and final times.

"This was an awesome opportunity," said 2nd Lt. Dave Embrey, an Air Force Personnel Center force development officer who changed the rear tire. "I'm not a big NASCAR fan, but I may be after this. I didn't even know there was



Airmen perform a pit-stop routine on the NASCAR No. 21 Air Force car during a pit-stop competition. (Photo by Larry McTighe)

an Air Force car."

"A good time for a standard pit stop is considered about 13 seconds," said Eddie Wood, who owns the Wood Brothers team with his brother, Len.

The winner of the pit-stop competition was the Air Education and Training Command's operations directorate and 19th Air Force team, which came close to the "good" time, performing the maneuvers in 13.73 seconds.

"This was a very cool opportunity for us to come out and give the people who protect our nation a chance to see what we in the racing business do," Mr. Wood said.

"They did a great job out there, and I know this is a new thing to them. It gives

them a break from their daily routine," he said.

"The Air Force sponsors us and really supports us, and we want to give back as much as it has given us," he said. "I've been in racing since 1965, and I've been around a lot of really cool people, but I've yet to meet anyone more honorable to be around than (Airmen). They are conscientious, supportive and proud of what they do."

"NASCAR provides us an excellent opportunity to support our recruiting effort and help increase awareness of the Air Force among the general public," said Lt. Col. Steve Murray, an Air Force Recruiting Service spokesman.

Sports briefs

Fun run

The monthly 5K fun run kicks off at 7 a.m. July 8 at the Chace Fitness Center. The race begins at 7:15 a.m.

T-shirts will be given to the first place male and female finishers, and water bottles go to second- and third-place finishers in each category.

Diving club

The AquaKnights of Atlantis diving club meets from 5:30-7:30 p.m. every Thursday in Bldg. T-249.

For more information on the club, visit the their website (http://www.lajes-services.com/aquaknights_files/page0006.htm), e-mail them at akalajes@yahoo.com or erzitter@bluebottle.com, or call the AKA President, Mark Anderson, 964-101-752.

PLANNER

Meal time

Burger King: 7 a.m.-9 p.m. Sun.-Thu.; 8 a.m.-10 p.m. Fri., Sat.

Frank's Franks: 11 a.m.-6 p.m., Tues.-Sat.

Oceanview Island Grill: Lunch 11 a.m.-11 p.m. Mon.-Sun. Specials, with fries or salad & drink: Mon., roasted chicken or meatball sandwich; Tue., 16" 2-topping pizza; Wed., fried shrimp; Thu., 16" 1-topping pizza or taco salad; Fri., lasagna. Pizza specials only come with drinks.

Subway: 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Mon.-Fri.; 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Sat.; noon-6 p.m. Sun.

Top of the Rock Club: Lunch 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Mon.-Fri.; brunch 8:30 a.m.-noon Sat.; dinner 5-9 p.m. Tue.-Sat. Lunch buffets & specials: Mon., Southern buffet, traditional club sandwich, chef salad; Tue., Mexican buffet, rancho burger, chicken fajita salad; Wed., Italian buffet, meatball sub, chicken Caesar salad; family dinner buffet; Thu.,

Oriental buffet, beef stir-fry sandwich, mandarin chicken salad; 2-4-1 steak night; Fri., seafood buffet, fish sandwich, tuna salad; Prime & Wine dinner; Hoof & Fin dinner special.

Chapel

Daily Mass: 11:30 a.m. Tue., Thu., Fri., 1st & 4th Wed.; 6 p.m. 2nd & 3rd Wed.

Tuesday
Charismatic prayer 7-9 p.m.

Wednesday
Protestant men's/women's lunch/study noon; Catholic choir practice 5 p.m.; Protestant youth Bible study 5:30 p.m. Bldg. T-1412A; traditional choir practice 6 p.m.; hand bell choir practice 7 p.m.

Thursday
Gospel choir practice 7 p.m.

Sunday
Protestant Celebration of Holy Communion 8:30 a.m.; Protestant traditional service 9 a.m.; Protestant Sunday school 10:30 a.m.; Catholic Mass

10:30 a.m.; Protestant Gospel service & fellowship noon; Protestant teens/youth 6 p.m.

Base services

Barber shop: 8:30 a.m.-6 p.m. Mon.-Fri.; 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Sat.

Beauty shop: 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Tue.-Sat.

Child development center: 7 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Mon.-Fri.

Community activities center: 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Tue.-Sat.; noon-5 p.m. Sun.

Commissary: 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Mon.-Wed., Fri., Sat.; 10 a.m.-7 p.m. Thu.

Chace Fitness Center: 5 a.m.-midnight Mon.-Fri.; 8 a.m.-7 p.m. Sat., Sun.

Dry cleaners: 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Mon.; 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Tue.-Fri.; 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Sat.

Flight View BX: 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Mon.-Wed.; 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Thu.-Sat.; 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Sun. & Portuguese holidays

Gas station: 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

Sun., Mon. (gas only); 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Tue.-Sat.

Library: 4-9 p.m. Mon.; 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Tue.-Thu.; 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Fri.; 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Sat., Sun.

Manicure shop: 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Tue.-Sat.

New Car Sales: 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Tue.-Wed.; noon-8 p.m. Thu.-Sat.

Ocean Front BX: 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Mon.-Wed.; 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Thu.-Sat.; 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Sun.

Outdoor recreation: 10 a.m.-7 p.m. Tue.-Sat.; 11 a.m.-7 p.m. Sun.

PFCU: 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Mon.-Thu.; 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Fri.

Shoppette: 9 a.m.-11 p.m. Mon.-Sat.; 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Sun.

Skills development center: noon-8 p.m. Tue.-Thu.; 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Fri., Sat.

Thrift shop: 12:30-4:30 p.m. Mon. & Wed.; 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Fri & 3rd Sat. of the month.

Vet clinic: 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Mon.-Fri.; 1-7 p.m. 1st, 3rd Wed.

Youth & teen center: 3-6 p.m. Mon.-Sat.; 8 p.m.-midnight Fri., Sat.



Today: 7 p.m., "House Of Wax," rated R for horror, violence, some sexual content and language. A group of friends on their way to a college football game falls prey to a pair of murderous brothers in an abandoned small town. They discover that the brothers have expanded upon the area's main attraction...the House of Wax, and created an entire town filled with the wax-coated corpses of unlucky visitors. Now the group must find a way out before they too become permanent exhibits in the House of Wax. **10 p.m., "Amityville Horror,"** rated R for violence and terror, sexuality, language and drug use. In 1974, police discovered the entire DeFeo family, all slaughtered with a 35 caliber as they slept calmly in their beds. Ronald DeFeo confessed to methodically murdering his parents and four siblings, and claimed it was the "voices" that told him to do it.

Saturday: 7 p.m., "XXX: State Of The Union," rated PG-13 for intense action, violence and some language. NSA Agent Augustus Gibbons, fresh off the success of his last renegade recruitment, once again finds himself in need of an outsider. Gibbons and his new agent, also code-named "XXX", must track a dangerous military splinter group led by Willem Dafoe that is conspiring to overthrow the U.S. Government in the nation's capital.

Sunday: 7 p.m., "House Of Wax"

Wednesday: 7 p.m., "XXX: State Of The Union"

Thursday: 7 p.m., "House Of Wax"

Note: Movies and times shown are subject to change with little or no notice. For more information, call the base theater at 2-4100.

AFN Sports

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Friday

AFN-Sports

Tennis: Today at Wimbledon - Women's Semifinals, noon

Racing: AMA Motocross, 2 p.m.

Tennis: Wimbledon, 2005 Championships - Women's Semifinals, 4 p.m.

MLB: Atlanta Braves @ Philadelphia Phillies, 11 p.m.

Saturday

AFN-Atlantic

MLB: Atlanta Braves @ Philadelphia Phillies, 5 p.m.

MLB: Arizona Diamondbacks @ Los Angeles Dodgers, 8 p.m.

AFN-Pacific

Friday Night Fights: Khalid Jones vs Freddy Moore, 2 a.m.

Lacrosse: Maryland @ U.S. Naval Academy, 4 p.m.

Lacrosse: US Military Academy @ U.S. Naval Academy, 10:30 p.m.

AFN-Sports

NASCAR: Busch Series - Winn-Dixie 250, midnight
MLB: Arizona Diamondbacks @ Los Angeles Dodgers, 2:30 a.m.

Tennis: Wimbledon, 2005 Championships - Women's Finals, 1 p.m.

Cycling: 2005 Tour de France - Stage 1, 7 p.m.

NASCAR: Nextel Cup Series - Pepsi 400, 11 p.m.

Sunday

AFN-Atlantic

NASCAR: Craftsman Truck Series - O'Reilly Auto Parts 250, 11 a.m.

IndyCar Series: Argent Mortgage Indy 300, 5 p.m.

MLB: Texas Rangers @ Seattle Mariners, 8 p.m.

NCAA Wrestling: Marines All-Star Classic, 11 p.m.

AFN-Pacific

NASCAR Busch Series: SBC 250, 5:30 p.m.

Tennis: Wimbledon 2005, 4 p.m.

MLB: Chicago Cubs @ Chicago White Sox, 7 p.m.

EVENTS

Advertising deadline is Friday one week prior to publication. E-mail announcements weekly in normal text with event, location, date, time, point of contact's full name and phone number/e-mail address to news@lajes.af.mil.

Street bullfights

Saturday: 6:30 p.m., Fontinha/São Bras
Sunday: 6:30 p.m., Fontinha/São Bras
Monday: 6:30 p.m., Rua Longa, Biscoitos
Wednesday: 6:30 p.m., Largo São João, Casa da Ribeira and Bairro São Pedro, Biscoitos
Thursday: 6:30 p.m., Largo São João, Casa da Ribeira
July 8: 6:30 p.m., Corpo Santo, Angra

Other local events

This weekend: The 3rd Annual Traditional Arts & Crafts Fair, which features about 40 artisans from Terceira and Graciosa Islands, takes place at the parking lot next to the marina in Praia from 7:30 p.m. until midnight today. The fair continues on Saturday and Sunday from noon until midnight. At 9:30 p.m. throughout the weekend, there will be performances by either folk dancers or the Light Orchestra of Biscoitos.

Through Aug. 28: An arts & crafts fair takes place at the marina in Praia from 6:30-10:30 p.m. every Sunday from now until Aug. 28.

Meetings/classes

Sushi anyone: Learn how to make sushi from 6-8 p.m. July 12 during the Terceira Island Circle in the commissary breakroom. Call 2-4138 to sign up.

Basic Investment class: 2-4:30 p.m. in the family support center classroom. Call 2-4138.

Button Brigade: The Lajes Button Brigade will sew stripes and patches on uniforms belonging to E-1s to E-4s at the monthly single and unaccompanied members' dinner, set for 5:30 p.m. July 28 at the base chapel.

VA visit: Paul Pittman, a Veterans' Administration representative, will brief members on VA benefits from 9-11 a.m. Aug. 1 at the family support center. He will also take one-on-one appointments Aug. 8-9. For more information or to sign up, call 2-4138.



Face it!

Master Sgt. Chris Moore, 65th Civil Engineer Squadron/Security Forces Squadron first sergeant, receives a pie in the face as part of the Single Unaccompanied Members monthly dinner June 23 outside the base chapel. The contest helped the base raise more than \$1,000 to go toward buying fireworks for Monday's Independence Day celebration at the 65th SFS fields. For more details about the celebration, see article on Page 4. (Photo by Staff Sgt. Marty Rush)

Play group: The parent/children play group meets from 10-11 a.m. Tuesday in the family support center.

Hold 'Em: A Texas Hold 'Em tournament takes place at 7 p.m. July 15 at the Top of the Rock Club. Cost is \$25 for fee and dinner. Early registration is from 2-5 p.m. July 14; there's only seats for 150 people.

Education center

ERAU classes: Management 420 is July 25-31. Register through July 18. For more information, call Terra Schellig at 2-3375.

OU classes: Enroll for fall online courses through July 17, for Independent Directed Reading courses and internships through Sept. 1, and for "Current Problems in HR" through Aug. 8. For more information, call Kalina Hill at 2-3171.

Volunteer/jobs

NAF jobs: The following positions are vacancies or anticipated vacancies within the 65th Services Squadron. To apply, visit the Human Resources office, Bldg. T-112, between 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Mon.-Fri. Only military spouses, family members and off-duty military are eligible to apply. For more information, call 2-5200. Positions are: lifeguard, recreation aids at the pool, youth center and community center, and animal caretaker.

Bank job: Pentagon Federal Credit Union has a job opening for a branch service representative. Previous banking experience preferred. DEROS must be after December 2006. Apply at Bldg. T-202 or call 295-513-221 for more information.

Medical job: Science Applications International Corporation is looking for a Tricare medical service coordinator in Lajes. High school diploma required and bachelor's degree is preferred. SAIC offers a highly competitive compensation and benefits package. For more information, call 2-2262 or 2-2372 or stop by the Tricare office in Bldg. T-425.

Subs needed: Lajes high and elementary schools need substitute teachers for the upcoming school year. Pick up applications in either school between 8 a.m.-3 p.m.. For more information, call Paula Carnley at 2-3491 or Lori McCoy at 2-4151.

Catholic coordinator: A contract for a Catholic religious education coordinator is open for applicants through July 8. For more information, visit the 65th Contracting Squadron in Bldg. T-615, second floor, or call 2-6855.

Miscellaneous

School info: Parents interested in the free/reduced price meal program for next school year, e-mail Janet Ross at janet.ross@lajes.af.mil for an application. Parents who live off base should also e-mail Ms. Ross for a bus application, so the school can map out the bus routes. For more in-

formation, call 2-1314.

Selection board: The next undergraduate flying training selection board will convene Jan. 10, 2006. The board will review active duty applications for pilot, navigator or air battle manager training. Officers born after April 1, 1976 and a TFCSD after April 1, 2001, who meet all other eligibility criteria can apply. Send completed application, postmarked by Nov. 23, to HQ AFPC/DPAOT3, 550 C Street West Suite 31, Randolph AFB Texas 78150-4733. For more information on application procedures, see AFI 36-2205 or contact the base formal training element.

Closures

Hillside Lanes: The Hillside Lanes Bowling Center will be closed Aug. 2-15.

Classified

Submit ads via e-mail to news@lajes.af.mil. Ads are due by 5 p.m. Friday.

For sale: 1996 Plymouth Grand voyager SE. Good condition, AC, power everything, towing package. \$5,000 O.B.O. Call 295-549-676 or 961-172-071.

Free cat to a good home. He's fixed, declawed, and chipped. He's friendly and likes to be with people. Will include the kennel and litter pan along with cat toys. Call 295-549-237.

For Sale: 1995 Suzuki Alto. 5-Speed, CD, 30+ MPG. \$1,700 OBO. Available July 9. Great Car. Call Pat or Kelly, 967-313-207.

For sale: Klipsch center channel speaker, KSF-C5, in original box. 100 watts, 8 ohms, 24x7x7, black, 16 lbs. \$75. Call Mike Nelson at 2-4259 or 295-549-229.